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You are invited to:

Boston's Community Summit on Youth and Handgun Violence

Friday, March 10, 2006

8:30 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

Northeastern University
Curry Student Center



CITY OF BOSTON, THOMAS M. MENINO, MAYOR

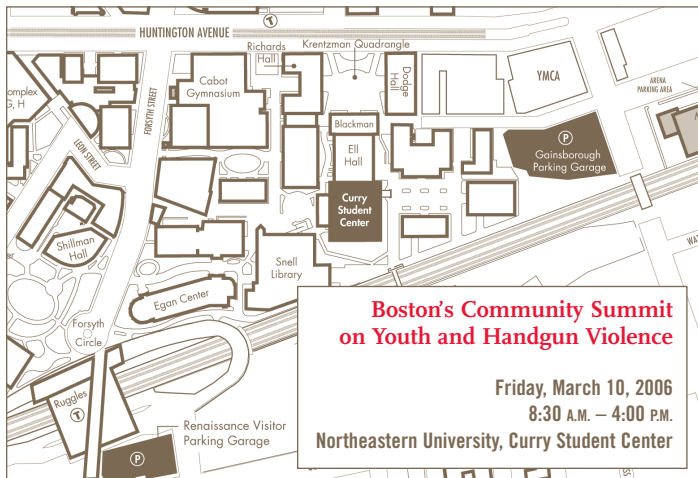
Neighborhood partnerships are critical to curbing the trends that threaten the future of Boston's youth and communities.

Mayor Thomas M. Menino invites you to a city-wide summit that will examine the problems of handgun violence in Boston, and uncover community-based policies and partnerships that address the needs of our youth.



City of Boston
Thomas M. Menino, Mayor
Kathleen M. O'Toole, Police Commissioner
Larry Mayes, Chief of Human Services

This invitation is not transferrable. Space is limited. To reserve a seat, please call 617.373.8898 or email ja.o'brien@neu.edu by March 6. For more information: <http://www.community.neu.edu>



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March 10th, 2006 - Northeastern University

8:30 – 9:00

**Registration and Coffee
(Ballroom, Curry Student Center)**

9:00 - 9:30

**Welcome and Opening Remarks
(Ballroom, Curry Student Center)**
Dr. Jack Greene, Dean, Northeastern University (MC)
College of Criminal Justice
Dr. Richard M. Freeland, President, Northeastern University
The Honorable Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of Boston
Kathleen M. O'Toole, Commissioner, Boston Police Department

PART ONE: KNOW MORE

The nature of handgun violence has changed in the last several years in Boston and in many other American cities. Access to weapons is easier, and the terms by which youth are using them have changed. These sessions explore the top issues related to the supply of handguns and their role in the social lives of Boston youth.

9:30-10:30 Panel Discussion: Where Are the Guns Coming From? (Ballroom, Curry Student Center)

What are the sources of guns used in crime in Boston? Hear about the in-state and out-of-state sources handguns, and learn the latest about ATF tracing options and constraints, the challenges of secondary and illegal markets, and policy/legislative solutions.

Panel Moderator: *Dean Jack McDevitt*, Institute for Race and Justice, Northeastern University

Panelists: *Dr. Anthony A. Braga*, Sr. Research Associate and Lecturer in Public Policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
Daniel F. Conley, District Attorney for Suffolk County
Superintendent Paul Joyce, Chief of Bureau of Investigative Services, Boston Police Department

10:30 – 1:45

Break

10:45-11:45

Panel Discussion: What Are the Experiences of Boston Youth with Violence? (Ballroom, Curry Student Center)

Surveys and studies suggest that the experience of Boston youth with street violence is changing. What do we need to know about our youth and their access to handguns? What do we know of their social and economic needs?

Panel Moderator: **Dr. Amy Farrell**, Principal Research Scientist and Associate Director, Institute on Race and Justice, Northeastern University

Panelists: **Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith**, Harvard Youth Violence Prevention Center, Harvard University School of Public Health
Robert Lewis Jr., Executive Director, Boston Centers for Youth and Families
Deputy Superintendent Paul Fitzgerald, Youth Violence Strike Force, Boston Police Department 3434500

11:45 – 12:00

Break and Lunch

12:00 -1:00pm

Introduction of Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Ray Hammond, M.D., M.A.,
Pastor, Bethel AME Church, Jamaica Plain

**Illegal Gun Trafficking and the Firearm Industry:
What Everyone Needs to Know**

Robert A. Ricker,
CEO and Founder, Ricker and Associates,

1:00 – 1:15

Travel to Workshops (See Sessions and Room Numbers below)

PART TWO: DO MORE

1:15 – 2:45

WORKSHOPS

The workshops below are designed to present best practices in four key areas of youth handgun violence, and elicit ideas from conference participants that may enhance community-based partnerships and law enforcement strategies.

Please select one of the following sessions. Attendance in each workshop is limited to 50 participants. Please try to arrive early to that workshop which most interests you. All sessions are located within the Curry Student Center.

**Workshop 1: Does Media Culture Influence Handgun Violence?
Curry Student Center Room 318**

Moderator: *Larry Mayes*, Chief, Office of Human Services, City of Boston

Resource Panel: *Reverend Jeffrey Brown*, Pastor, Union Baptist Church
and Co-Founder Ten Point Coalition
Lisa Fager, Founder and Director, Industry Ears, Washington D.C.
Dr. James Fox, The Lipman Family Professor of Criminal
Justice, Northeastern University (invited)

**Workshop 2: The Relationship Between Gangs and Guns in Boston
Curry Student Center Room 320**

Moderator: *Dr. Jack Greene*, Dean, College of Criminal Justice, Northeastern
University

Resource Panel: *Rev. Shaun Harrison*, CEO and Founder, Youth in Crisis Ministries Inc.
Chris Byner, Director, Boston Centers for Youth and Families
Streetworker Program
Sargent Detective Earl Perkins, Boston Regional Intelligence Center,
Boston Police Department

**Workshop 3: Where Do Young People Turn for Help?
Curry Student Center Room 322**

Moderator: *Josh Dohan*, Northeastern Institute for Race and Justice Board Member

Resource Panel: *Chris Sumner*, Executive Director, Boston Ten Point Coalition
Emmet Folgert, Executive Director, Dorchester Youth Collaborative
Eric Dawson, President, Peace Games

**Workshop 4: The Challenges of Re-entry for Youth Ex-offenders
Curry Student Center Room 333**

Moderator: *Dr. Amy Farrell*, Principal Research Scientist and Associate Director,
Institute on Race and Justice, Northeastern University

Resource Panel: *Lyn Levy*, Executive Director, SPAN (Services for Prisoners and
People Who Have Been in Prison)
John Larivee, CEO, Community Resources for Justice, Boston
Mike Mitchell, Director, YO (Youth Opportunity), Boston

2:45 – 3:00 Break and Return to Ballroom

**3:00 – 3:30 Final Session: Conference Wrap-Up with Boston Police
Commissioner Kathleen M. O'Toole and Youth Voices (Urban
Youth in Leadership Program)**

Keynote Speaker
Robert A. Ricker
CEO and Founder, Ricker and Associates

An experienced attorney and former top lobbyist for the firearm industry, Robert A. Ricker spent over twenty years of his career representing gun makers and leading gun rights organizations before the United States Congress, state legislatures and state and federal courts.

In high profile litigation brought by several major U.S. cities, Ricker gained national prominence when he stepped forward as a witness against the very industry he used to represent. In an affidavit filed in California, and later in testimony before a federal court in Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Ricker outlined decades of irresponsible and negligent behavior on the part of gun manufacturers, distributors and dealers. Mr. Ricker's testimony sent shock waves throughout the powerful gun lobby.

Robert Ricker is no stranger to controversy within the gun rights movement. In 1997, he provoked the ire of the National Rifle Association when he negotiated an agreement between the Clinton administration and major gun manufacturers to develop the nation's first voluntary child safety lock program. Following the tragic shootings at Columbine High School in 1999, Mr. Ricker again angered extreme factions of the gun lobby when he led a delegation of industry executives to a White House conference on youth violence where gun manufacturers agreed to support key portions of President Clinton's gun violence reduction strategy.

An honors graduate of the George Mason University School of Law, Ricker's career began in 1977 as a trial lawyer for a Northern Virginia law firm. In 1981, he signed on as an Assistant General Counsel for the National Rifle Association representing the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action and NRA's Political Victory Fund. In 1983, Ricker left Washington and moved to the west coast where he organized and developed the California Wildlife Federation's legislative advocacy program. That same year, he led the legislative effort in California to pass the nation's first firearm industry product liability immunity statute.

In 1985, Ricker was named Special Assistant to the Republican Leader of the California State Assembly. In 1991, he formed his own Sacramento based lobbying firm Ricker & Associates where he represented, among other clients, the nation's leading firearm industry trade association the American Shooting Sports Counsel, Inc. (ASSC). In 1997, he returned to the nation's capitol as the ASSC's Director of Governmental Affairs and later as Executive Director.

Mr. Ricker, a recognized expert on gun policy issues, has been widely quoted in such national publications as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, *Newsweek* and *Time*. He has appeared on national news shows such as ABC's *Nightline*, NBC's *Dateline*, CNN's *Burden of Proof*, *The Newshour with Jim Lehrer* and the *Wall Street Journal Report*. In 2003, he was profiled on the CBS news magazine *60 Minutes* and on public television's *Now, with Bill Moyers*. Mr. Ricker has written political opinion articles that have been published in such newspapers as the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Los Angeles Times* and the *Seattle Post Dispatch*.

Presently, Mr. Ricker manages his own Washington DC based legislative advocacy and policy consulting firm, Ricker & Associates.